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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

1. THE FOLLOWING GATT AIRGRAM (GATT/AIR/1254)
WAS RECEIVED TODAY. SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS ARE
QUOTED BELOW.

QUOTE:

1. AS AGREED AT ITS LAST MEETING, THE
SUBJ-GROUP "TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE" WILL RECON-
VENE AT 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 1976 IN THE
PALAIS DES NATIONS. THE MEETING MAY BE EXPECTED TO
LAST FOR A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS.

2. THE SUB-GROUP HAS AGREED THAT AT THIS
MEETING IT SHOULD EXAMINE THE SUGGESTIONS MADE AT
ITS TECHNICAL LEVEL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1975
CONCERNING THE PROPOSED GATT CODE ON CONDUCT FOR PRE-
VENTING TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE (ANNEXED TO
MTN/NTM/W/5) AND ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS ON THIS TEXT
WHICH ARE RAISED BEFORE THE MEETING, WITH A VIEW TO
REACHING AGREEMENT ON AS MANY OF THESE AS POSSIBLE
(MTN/NTM/W/24, PARAGRAPHS 7 TO 11).

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3. THE SECRETARIAT NOTE ON THE MEETING HAS

BEEN DISTRIBUTED AS MTN/NTM/W/25, AND ADDITIONAL
POINTS COMMUNICATED TO THE SECRETARIAT BY 31 DECEMBER
1975 AS MTN/NTM/W/25/ADD.1.

4. THE SUB-GROUP HAS ALSO AGREED TO INVITE
DELEGATIONS TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS IN WRITING AS TO HOW
MARKS OF ORIGIN SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN THE NEGOTIA-
TIONS AND TO REVERT TO THIS QUESTION AT ITS NEXT
MEETING ON THE BASIS OF THE PROPOSALS RE-
CEIVED. DELEGATIONS WISHING TO MAKE PORPOSALS ARE
REQUESTED TO DO SO AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

5. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THOSE COUNTRIES
WHICH HAVE INDICATED THEIR DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVE THUS
ASSUMED MEMBERSHIP OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE.
SUCH MEMBERS ARE ACCORDINGLY INVITED TO INFORM ME AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES
WHO WILL ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP.

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